(b) and (c) Such visitors do not give any reports to the Government. However, it is felt that they have been able to get a better understanding of the real situation in the State, which has also helped to expose the dis-information and propaganda compaign conducted by Pakistan and other vested interests, in an attempt to internationalise the issue and promote violence and secessionist activities on the ground. Apart from increased transparency, intense efforts have been made at the Government and diplomatic level to counter the propaganda war launched by Pakistan, while maintaining sustained pressure on the militants in the State to contain violence and create confidence among the people.

Setback in Jammu due to Resignation of Poll Officials

2594. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the election process initiated by Government in the State of Jammu and Kashmir has suffered a setback with the resignation of poll officials;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for resignation of the poll officers; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government for the completion of the election process in the State of Jammu and Kashmir ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI) : (a) There have been no resignations by any poll officials in Jammu & Kashmir.

(b) In view of (a), does not arise.

(c) Government are making efforts to promote conditions conductive to normalisation and restoration of the democratic process and institutions in Jammu and Kashmir. Towards this end, steps are being taken to accelerate development works by securing people's participation, re-invigorate the local administration and enhance the cooperation and confidence of the people in the administration. With a view to proceeding towards the democractic process, work on delimitation of constituencies is being done and revision of electroral rolls has also been undertaken by the Election Commission.

Militant Activities in Doda

2595. SHRIMATI ANANDIBEN JETHABHAI PATEL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Doda in Jammu Region is still not a peaceful area;

(b) whether it is also a fact militants killed a local BJP leader on 6th June, 1994;

(c) whether it is also a fact that militants action plan is to force the minority community (Hindu) to migrate from Doda Region; and

(d) what action Government have taken to safeguard the interest of minority ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI) : (a) to (d) The situation in Doda is under control. The militants have tried to spread the arc of violence into the district and other parts of the Jammu region, and also to create communal tensions in the area. A local B.J.P. leader of Bhaderwah was killed by the millitants on 7th June 1994. The Government is alive to the situation, and is taking all necessary steps to contain the activities of the terrorists and frustrate their designs, and to create a sense of security and confidence among the people, including members of the minority community. The presence of security forces has been augmented, particularly in the sensitive, vulnerable and far-flung areas, anti-terrorist operations have been stepped up, ex-servicemen have been recruited to strengthen the local police, and patrolling and vigilance on the LOC has been further intensified.

कश्मीरियों का पुनर्वास

2596. **श्रीमती आनन्दीबेन जेठाभाई पटेल :** क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि केन्द्रीय गृह मंत्री ने 21 मार्च, 1994 को जम्मू और कश्मीर के विकास के संबंध में जम्मू और कश्मीर के विभिन्न मंत्रालयों के साथ एक बैठक की थी ।

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ग) क्या सरकार ने उस बैठक में कश्मीर से आए कश्मीरियों के वहां पुनर्वास के लिए कोई योजना तैयार की थी, यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(घ) यदि नहीं तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ?

प्रधान मंत्री कार्यालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री भुवनेश चतुर्वेदी) : (क) और (ख) गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (आन्तरिक सुरक्षा) ने जम्मू और कश्मीर राज्य में विकास योजनाओं की प्रगति की पुनरीक्षा करने के लिए 21-3-1994 को एक बैठक की थी । इस बैठक में, विभिन्न क्षेत्रों, जैसे ग्रामीण विकास, लघु उद्योग, बैंकिंग, विद्युत, खाद्य प्रशंसकरण, लोक निर्माण, कृषि, बागवानी, हथकरघा, हस्तशिल्प और रेशम के कीड़ों का पालन और पर्यटन के क्षेत्र में की गयी प्रगति की समीक्षा की गयी और इन क्षेत्रों में विकास गतिविधियों को तेज करने के लिए समुचित निर्देश दिए गए ।

(ग) और (घ) कश्मीरी प्रवासियों को बसाने के मामले पर विचार विमर्श नहीं किया गया क्योंकि नीतिगत मामले के रूप में प्रवासियों को स्थायी तौर पर घाटी से बाहर के स्थानों पर बसाने का कोई इरादा नहीं है ।

Terrorist Activities in India by Kashmiris Abroad

2597. SHRI JAGMOHAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether a network of terrorism with its centre in England, is being operated by some British citizens of Kashmir origin to carry out subversive and terrorist activities in India;

(b) whether a Britith citizen, Ahmed Omar Syed Shaikh, was recently arrested in Uttar Pradesh in connection wiih the abduction of four foreing tourists;

(c) whether the network has spread its tentacles in the Capital and other important centres of trade, commerce and education and constitutes a serious threat to the country's internal security and well-being; and

(d) what concrete measures have been or are being taken to smash this network ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI) : (a) Various militant outfits operating in Jammu and Kashmir having links with some Kashmiris settled in England, who have been providing covert and overt support to the outfits in the State have come to notice.

(b) Yes, Sir.

...ri militants have come to notice ... ...ivities in Jammu and Ka... ...s of the country. Reports are available indicating Pak ISI plans to create violence and subversion in vulnerable areas in various parts of th... Dis-closures made by arrested milita... ...armed the ulterior plans of Kashmiri militants to spread violence to various parts of the country.

(d) Government is alive to the situation and are taking all necessary steps in this regard which include gearing up of intelligence machinery, coordinated action by central and State agencies including intelligence sharing, deployment of para-military forces as well as intensified patrolling in vulnerable areas.

Pak Activities on Jammu and Kashmir border

2598. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received reports that Pakistan is concentrating its forces and increasing anti-India activities on Indo-Pak border, especially in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) does not arise.

(c) The situation is being constantly assessed by the Government and appropriate steps are taken to ensure full defence preparedness.

Kashmir Problem

2599 SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that as early as in 1952, Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee had stated in his historic speech that the problem of Kashmir was that the Pakistan should be asked to vacate the Pak-occupied areas of Kashmir ;